

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Monkey Fever

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Monkey Fever is spreading in the country and posing a great threat, as people are getting infected due to monkey tick bite;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive measures taken to control the said disease?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a): Kyasanur Forest disease (KFD), commonly known as Monkey Fever, is a tick-borne viral diseases, was first recognized in 1957 in Shimoga District, India. As far as spread in new areas is concerned, an outbreak of KFD was reported for the first time under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) in December 2012 in Chamrajanagar district of Karnataka. In 2013, KFD Virus was detected in autopsy of dead monkeys in Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu and human cases were reported from Wayanad district, Kerala. In 2015, the disease spread to Goa and in 2016 to Sindhudurg district in Maharashtra and Belgaum District in Karnataka.

(b): Details of year wise cases & deaths reported by States/UTs under IDSP are placed at Annexure.

(c): National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has published and widely disseminated a "Manual on Zoonotic Diseases of Public Health Importance" which includes a chapter on Prevention & Control of Kyasanur Forest disease (KFD). The same is also available on NCDC website.

Further Government of India under IDSP monitors to detect and respond to disease outbreaks due to epidemic prone diseases including KFD. Technical assistance is provided to the States for investigation, prevention and control of the outbreaks. Since KFD is a zoonotic disease, outbreak investigations are carried out in collaboration with State Health Directorate, State Animal Husbandry Department and State Forest Department. Under IDSP, the District and State capacities have been strengthened by providing additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team members for outbreak investigations and information and communications technology (ICT) equipment for data entry, analysis and data transfer.

NIV Pune and Manipal Virus Research Centre (MVRC) have the facility to undertake laboratory diagnosis of KFD.